

BUSINESS MATTERS.

General Dullness Prevails—The Causes Operative to Produce that Effect—The Depression in the Iron Market—Buyers of Wool Numerous and a Fair Business Being Done.

NEW YORK, November 24.—The *Financial Chronicle* in its review says: The wee-

has been a dull one in general trade. Next week there will be two close holidays and in the few days preceding such occasion mercantile affairs drag. Besides, the

weather from being severely cold has become unseasonably mild, and this is an adverse circumstance. The late storm did great damage to the shipping on the North

There has been a larger speculation upward, and the range of prices has been added

Commercial affairs continue as last year, a large distribution of merchandise

being in progress, but at prices leaving in many departments very little margin for profit. The disposition among manufacturers is not to accumulate stock, so that the tendency remains, wherever consumption is slow, to reduce the stock.

Still, this of late has become less of a feature, and the feeling in mercantile circles encourages the belief that as the surpluses of the crops are marketed, a more effective demand for goods will set in, and

but a short time of rest to overtake an excess of manufacturing power or commercial facilities which are developed during any period of good trade.

IRON.
PITTSBURGH, November 24.—Since the depression in the iron trade became so marked the manufacturers have thrown out hints of a reduction and the Iron Age

regarded as the organ of the employers, in an editorial advanced the argument that one man should volunteer a reduction of wages. It now turns out that one mill in this district has already ordered a cut.

On last Tuesday morning the men employed at the Superior rail mill on Preble avenue, Woods-run, were notified that if they wanted to work it must be at a reduction of 20 per cent. The men asked one day to consider the matter. On Tuesday

A prominent puddler stated that he knew every well they would not go to work for some time, as the last time they quit they

ere told by one of the clerks there would hardly be any more work for them until about the first of next year unless they would suddenly be overrun with orders, which was not likely.

...a leading member of the Amalgamated Association in speaking of the reduction of wages as a means of getting over the present depression, said: "The men have no idea of voluntarily reducing their wages. Were we to accept a reduction of 50 per

ent, it would not increase the demand for wool. If overproduction is the cause let us suspend work until the demand catches up, but it would be poor policy to reduce wages."

WOOL.

Boston, November 24.—The *Advertiser*, in its weekly review of the wool market, says: The feature of the market, has been the numerous buyers who have been in the market many of whom were looking

er combing wools, many buyers from Philadelphia and elsewhere have been after supplies, so that the sales of this description foot up 201,000 lbs., and are 117,000 lbs. more than the week before. Some

... weeks ago the demand for 1 to 2 combing became less active on account of the decline in Jersey yarns, but since then English combing wools have advanced in London 2c per lb. The sales of Michigan wools will be seen, have been much less than

week ago, by 288,700 lbs., and holders report that manufacturers are unwilling to pay more than 34c, which they decline. But, on the whole, there has been a fair business. The demand for grease has been more active, and the

one stronger. The demand for XX and above is not quite so active. In view of the fact that we have not reached the importing point, the value of these wools is likely to hold, if not to increase. Pulled wools are quite a good many less Western

... are offering, and prices are easier. There have been liberal and numerous transactions in unwashed and unmerchantable wools, and desirable selections have been sought for. A telegram from San

There is important news from Monteyi-
eo, and that market is higher, and re-
aining too high for operations. No change

the prices has occurred in Australia. A sailing vessel has been put on the berth at Melbourne for Boston, the Navesink, and she will bring about 3500 bales. The steamer Gulf of Suez is expected to sail for Boston this week. Between 11,000 and

tion this week between 11,000 and 12,000 bales have been now bought for the United States, and there have been large transactions on European account.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

John Hains, a truck farmer, living near Reading, Pa., died Saturday, aged 101 years.

At Philadelphia, Henry Smith, aged forty-five, professional thief, was shot dead

George Trenwith, in the latter's saloon. A train demolished a wagon at Lanesville, Vt., and Wm. McIntosh and wife and daughter, and Rev. Joseph House, of Bern, were killed.

At Portsmouth, Neb., Mrs. Barrows, and Oscar E. Blaney, her son-in-law, were arrested.

At Little Rock, in the U. S. Court, James Evans and Julius Houser, on trial for intimidating a U. S. witness, a felony by the unindicted statutes, were convicted.

At Marshall, Tex., a terrific wind and hail storm occurred Saturday evening. The front of Cargile's livery stable was blown down, fatally wounding George Smith. Two men, Overaker, and Olesby, were

slied at a masquerade in Plano, Texas. A blow on the head from a six shooter was given Overaker, who, in turn, stabbed Wesley. The injuries of both are supposed to be fatal.

Lorenzo Woods, son of Judge Woods, of Dixon, Ill., committed suicide at Albuquerque, N. M., by cutting his throat. He formerly traveled for the hardware houses of Duncan, Wyeth & Co., Kansas City, and Hibbard, Spencer & Co., Chicago.

Burglars visited North Hampton, O. Thursday night, and secured twenty-five dollars from the residence of Jerry Rean and an overcoat of Joseph Click's. Other dwellings were entered, but nothing secured. Trains were unharmed.

The annual report of the Auditor of Kentucky shows that the number of barrels of distilled spirits made in Kentucky between the 1st of October, 1882, and the 1st of June, 1883, and listed for taxation on the 1st of

date, was 117,832 barrels, valued at \$942,550.